

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, CG

SUBJECT: MOBUTU EXPLAINS C-130 PURCHASE POSTPONMENT

REF: KINSHASA 9347

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU TOLD ME 14 NOV IN BRIEF SIDE CONVERSATION THAT DECISION TO DEFER PURCHASE C-130 AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN HIS. UNFORTUNATELY GOZ WAS JUST NOW IN POSITION TO MAKE \$4 MILLION PLUS DOWNPAYMENT. THIS DID NOT, HOWEVER, REPRESENT CHANGE IN HIS VIEW THAT C-130'S WERE NEEDED.

2. I REMARKED THAT UNFORTUNATELY MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ALSO WANTED C-130'S AND THAT HE RISKED LOSING ZAIRE'S PLACE IN DELIVERY SCHEDULE. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THIS BUT HE HOPED LOCKHEED AND US GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED ZAIRE'S PROBLEM AND NEED TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH A GOOD CUSTOMER.  
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